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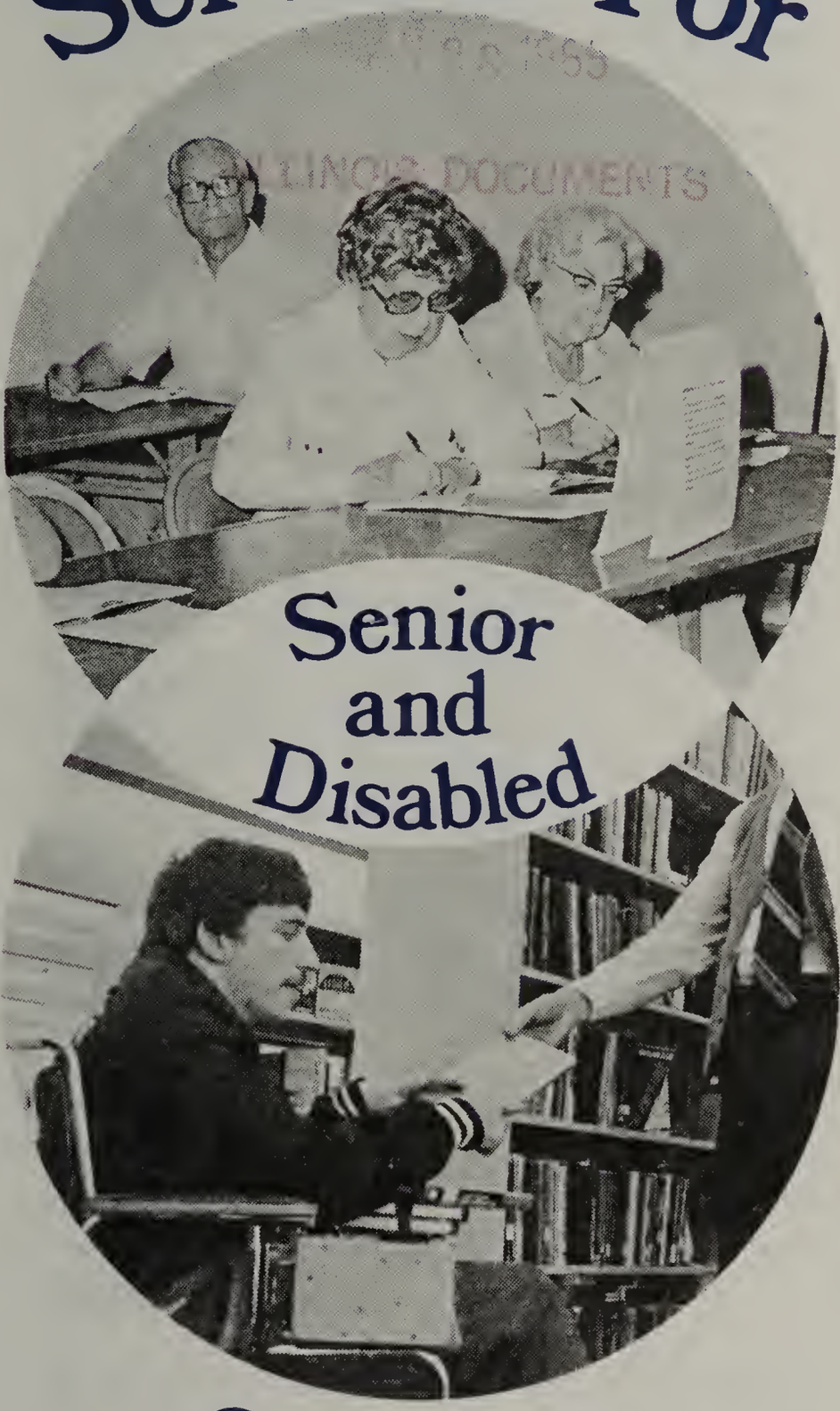

# Senior and Disabled

# Citizens

JIM EDGAR
Secretary of State

I have committed the Secretary of State's office to providing all the help we can to the two million Illinois senior and disabled citizens, of whom one million are licensed drivers.

This pamphlet explains the various programs provided by my office.

I personally know the contributions that senior and disabled citizens are making in this state. Nearly 23 percent of my employees are either senior or disabled.

Senior and disabled citizens enjoy the independence gained through mobility. That is why I urge you to take our free Rules of the Road Review Course, which is designed to prepare you for the drivers license renewal examinations.

My Senior Citizens and Human Resources Department continually seeks to improve our services. Please let us know how we can help you.

Jim Edgar

Secretary of State

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## PHOTO ID PROGRAM

Many Illinois people, including senior and disabled citizens, do not drive. Those who do drive frequently use their drivers license as a form of personal identification for such needs as check cashing and senior citizens discounts.

The Secretary of State's office offers an official Illinois Photo Identification Card for both drivers and non-drivers. It has been issued to more than 400,000 Illinois citizens.

The card is *free* to persons 65 and over and to disabled people. (There is a $4 fee for others.) The card is valid for five years and may be obtained at any drivers license facility.

Since it may be difficult for many senior and disabled citizens to get to a drivers license facility, the Secretary of State's Senior Citizens and Human Resources Department will arrange photo ID sessions for citizen groups in communities throughout Illinois.

## AUTO INSURANCE DISCOUNTS

Discounts on automobile liability insurance premiums are available to certain drivers over age 55. If you take a defensive driving course approved by the Secretary of State, you may be eligible for the discount.

Further information on this program, as well as a list of courses approved by the Secretary of State's office, is available from the Senior Citizens and Human Resources Department.

### TOLL FREE INFORMATION

**For more information on services offered by the department, call toll free**

**1 (800) 252-2904**

**TDD service is available**

## RULES OF THE ROAD REVIEW COURSE

The Rules of the Road Review Course is designed to give drivers, particularly senior and disabled citizens, the knowledge and confidence they need to successfully pass drivers license renewal examinations.

The Review Course is offered free more than 2,500 times a year at some 450 locations around the state.

The first of its kind in the United States, the course has helped over 230,000 drivers in Illinois overcome their fear and apprehension of taking their drivers test. The course is taught by employees of the Secretary of State's office or by local volunteer instructors trained and certified by the Secretary of State.

Local organizations may sponsor the course under the direction of the Secretary of State. Organizations actively participating in the program include senior citizen and service clubs, labor unions, church groups, police departments, rehabilitation centers, park and recreation districts, and other local organizations.

The course is offered free of charge.

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## FILM PROGRAM

Films on good driving habits are available from the Secretary of State's office. A representative of the department will arrange to come to your club or agency and present films on important driving topics, ranging from nighttime driving techniques to fuel efficient driving tips. *There is no charge for this service.*

## SPECIAL LIBRARY SERVICES

The Illinois State Library, a department of the Secretary of State's office, works with 18 regional library systems throughout the state to provide you with special services, such as large print books, Talking Books (books recorded on cassettes and records), and books in braille. Delivery of materials to homebound senior and disabled citizens, transportation to library programs, and other services may be offered by your local public library.

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